

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Remote meeting via Zoom

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A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Present: F. Hoisl, B. Pelegano, A. Connor, L. Bowen, A. Fichtel, T. Nixon, K. Patterson, J. Greenfield, T. LaMontagne.

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting (A. Fichtel/A. Connor). Seven directors approved, one abstained and the motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2022 special budget meeting as presented, with an amendment to item C, paragraph 2, combining the third and fourth sentences so that it reads: "Several board members proposed taxing residents at the same level as last year and only using approximately \$20,000 of the surplus, or \$10,000 less than what A. Connor and F. Hoisl recommended" (K. Patterson/F. Hoisl). Seven directors approved, one abstained and the motion passed.

D. Presentation of Correspondence

L. Bowen: 1. Email about a rogue raft that washed up at Elsmere ROW. It has since been removed by the owner. 2. Email from a realtor whose seller client claims that his property at 71 Bush Rock Rd., Colchester has lake rights, as his deed states that the property is "subject to an annual assessment to the Amston Lake Maintenance Corporation or assigns." L. Bowen referred him to our tax collector and F. Hoisl will contact the ALD attorney for an opinion. **A. Connor:** 1. Federal Government request to complete U.S. Census. 2. Request from ALD insurance carrier to complete workers' comp audit. **J. Greenfield:** Email from resident informing the District of a dead ash tree at the corner of Deepwood Drive and Ryan Terrace that could be on ALD property. **F. Hoisl:** Series of emails from a resident that was not awarded a boat slip in the lottery this year and is concerned that the system is not fair.

E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

There was no old business to discuss.

F. Task List and Action Items

F. Hoisl said many of the items listed for May have to do with the annual meeting and have already been taken care of, but he will discuss the clean-out of a particular discharge pipe with T. Nixon after the meeting.

G. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners

Maureen Dagon, 144 Deepwood Drive, Hebron. 1. Asked why the security budget for next year has decreased by \$9050. F. Hoisl explained that last year's budget accounted for full staffing by the beach pass checkers every day, without taking

into account rain or sick days, and this year's budget takes those possibilities into account. 2. She stated that something must be done about dogs on the beaches and ROWs, as well as people leaving dog waste bags on the side of the road.

H. Receive President's Report

1. F. Hoisl said that he and L. Bowen attended the most recent ALA meeting, which was held as a hybrid. J. Matra, president of the ALA, has offered the use of their equipment, and F. Hoisl will look into supplementing ALA's equipment with extra cameras, lighting and microphones. He'd like to start holding hybrid ALD board meetings in July, although it might be a month-by-month decision, depending on COVID rates.

I. Receive Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Reports

1. A. Connor reported that the tax collector's report is on the website. 2. Hebron underwent a property revaluation last year, resulting in a 22% increase in the ALD's Hebron grand list. Lebanon will have their next revaluation in 2023. 3. Total tax collections were just under \$176,000 and our budget for collections was \$169,700 so as of April 30 we've already exceeded collecting our budget for the year. 4. The financial report for April is also on the website. 5. She reminded everyone that we need to have current certificates of insurance for all of our contractors, as well as waivers for those who don't have insurance, on file and asked the directors to send them to her as soon as possible. She needs to submit the audit to the insurance company by June 5.

J. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports

1. Lake Health: 1. F. Hoisl reported that the committee is requesting that the ALD hire a person to coordinate water testing activity for the District. They have an excellent volunteer base but it's becoming more and more work as they collect more data. He's added some slides to the annual meeting presentation so that he can gauge the residents' interest.
2. Dams: F. Hoisl said there was nothing new to report on the status of the dams.
3. Beaches and ROWs: 1. T. Nixon reported that the committee would like to have another boat rack built at Francis ROW, and there is a problem with the spillway at Oakland ROW, but they've been unable to find contractors. F. Hoisl suggested putting out an eblast looking for contractors. 2. The Jeff Hatch memorial bench has been installed at Lollipop and a plaque is on order. 3. An additional boulder has been installed at the entrance to Manion ROW so that the person with the golf cart who moved the original boulders can't get through again. 4. The committee wanted to know about the former trailer lot at West Island Beach Rd. F. Hoisl reminded everyone that the board decided to stop using the lot for storage and residents must store their equipment on their own property. 5. A contractor will rake the Main and Lollipop beaches and Oakland ROW in late May. Oakland will be raked once more mid-season while Main and Lollipop will be raked every other week on alternate weeks.
4. Security, Boats: 1. F. Hoisl is meeting with beach pass checkers on Sunday so that they can choose their shifts. They will work the same schedule as last year. 2.

A. Fichtel reported that there is a boat with no ALD stickers at all – he and F. Hoisl have put warning stickers on it and the stickers were subsequently removed – so he is inclined to remove the boat from the ROW. There shouldn't be any boats on the racks without stickers. There are two more scheduled pass distribution dates, May 20 and June 11.

5. Lebanon Roads: 1. B. Pelegano just heard about the passing of former board member and treasurer, Ray DeCormier, earlier in May and asked that everyone at the meeting observe a moment of silence. 2. He's been meeting with contractors, getting recommendations and quotes for milling or paving some of the private District roads in Lebanon. He walked the roads with F. Hoisl and J. Greenfield and ultimately the plan is to mill three roads – Bush, Andrews and Scanlon Terrace – as they are heavily populated, interconnected, relatively flat, and have some large potholes. He will meet with F. Hoisl and A. Connor before the annual meeting to discuss budget considerations for this project for this year and next.
6. Communications: 1. L. Bowen reported that the newsletters will be picked up on Friday so that they can be handed out at the pass distribution and in the brochure box at the clubhouse on Friday afternoon. She said the graphic designer, ALD resident J. Waleszczyk, did a fantastic job.

K. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action

F. Hoisl was contacted by two residents with financial backgrounds that are interested in the treasurer's position, and even if they are not elected as treasurer both would like to join the board.

L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

There was nothing to add at this time.

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (A. Connor/K. Patterson) passed unanimously at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Liz Bowen, Clerk
Amston Lake District

Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.